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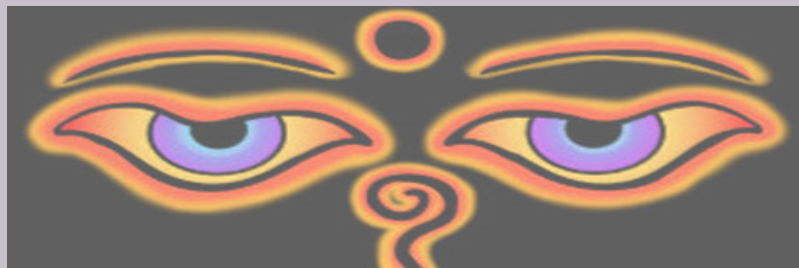
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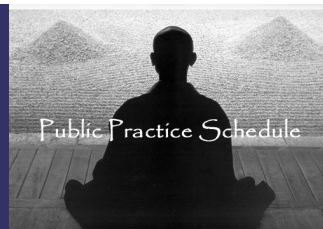
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Zen Master Keizan: Dhritaka -

Teisho - ... The self which is a selfless Self is the eternal Way. It cannot be fathomed in terms of birth or cessation, It is not the Buddhas, nor sentient beings; how much less is it the four great elements, the five aggregates, the three realms, or six paths [of rebirth]! The mind has no form. Even though there is hearing, seeing and perception; in the end it neither comes or goes, neither moves nor is still. The fellow who understands this way, who understands that this is the Mind, still must be said to understand intellectually. Therefore, even though Dhritaka understood in this way, Upagupta pointed out that he has to become greatly awakened and understand it in his own mind. It is like placing the imperial seal on commercial goods. When you see the royal seal, you know it is not poison, not the wrong item, and not something reserved for official use. Therefore, it can be used by people. This is the way it is when the paths of master and disciple coincide. Even though you grasp it as principle and clarify it as the Way, you necessarily get it for the first time you become greatly awakened. If you are not greatly awakened one time, you will become someone who understands intellectually and never penetrates the mind-ground. If you still do not



Monday

7:00 am Zazen

7:40 am Morning Chanting Service

6:00 pm Zazen

6:40 pm Evening Chanting Service

Tuesday- Friday

6:00 am Zazen

6:40 am Kinhin (walking meditation)

6:50 am Zazen

7:20 am Chanting Service

7:40 am Soji (brief temple cleaning)

6:00 pm Zazen

6:40 pm Chanting Service

Thursdays Study Hour 7:30pm

Saturday

6:30 am Zazen

7:10 am Chanting Service

7:25 am Soji

8:30 am Drop-in instruction

9:25 am Zazen

10:15 am Dharma Talk

11:00 am Refreshments/Social



escape [naïve] views of Buddha and Dharma, when will you escape being bound by self and others?

Thus even if you do not miss a single word of all that was preached during the fourth nine years [of Buddha's life] and do not get one teaching of the three vehicles or five vehicles mixed up, without being once awakened, it would be hard to call you a true patch-robe monk. Even if you can expound a thousand sutras and then thousand treatises, make the Buddhas reveal their countenances, make the great earth tremble, and make flowers rain down from the sky, you still have the standpoint of a [mere] lecturer. You are not a

true patch-robe monk.

[Zen Master Keizan's Denkoroku - The record of Transmitting the light - Tr. Francis Dojun Cook, Fwd'd: John Daido Loori](#)



Castro Street Fair, 2013



Upcoming Events:



Dharma Talks - [Rev. Myō Lahey](#) - Sept 6, 27, Oct 4 @10:15am

Guest Speaker Saturdays @10:15am - Sept 13th & 20th - TBD October 11 [Laura Burges](#); November 1 [Jisan, Tova Green](#); November 29 [Anshi Daigi, Zachary Smith](#), December 13 [Kokyo Henkel](#) December 27 [Tokuden Shinki, Mark Lancaster](#)

Full Moon Ceremony - Saturday, September 6th @ 11am - the Full Corn or Full Harvest Moon.

Winter Study Period - is planned to kick off around Sejiki (End of October) and run through Rohatsu and the Winter Light 5 day retreat (Early December) -- similar to a practice period --

Sangha Council - TBD (occurred last Aug 16)

Founder's Memorial - [Issan's](#) Memorial is generally on the 6th of the month, & the memorial for [Philip Whalen](#) is generally on the 26th @ 6:40pm

Study Hour - Thursdays @7:30pm: the Vimalakīrti Sūtra, also called Vimalakīrtinirdeśa Sūtra. There are multiple translations, we focus a bit on the Dr Robert Thurman version, but welcome any version to compare the translations. We can share books for anyone who wants to join in, or feel free to purchase a copy and join us (many are very low cost online). Check our [twitter page](#) for any changes in schedule. *Please note! No Study Hour Sept 11th or 18th!*

Next Board of Directors' Meeting - Second Wednesdays of the month September 10 @ 7:30pm You're welcome to attend & observe.

Closure & Schedule Changes coming up!

No Study Hour - September 11 & 18th

Rev Myo will be out of town - September 8th - 22nd

We are thrilled to announce that [Hartford Street Zen Center](#) has been selected as a beneficiary of [The Castro Street Fair 2014](#). Please mark your calendars for Sunday 5 October! **WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS!**

As a beneficiary we get paid a percentage of the total donations received



by the fair for every hour that every person volunteers at the Fair. The online registration went live in July. We can have up to 50 volunteers -- plenty of opportunity to invite friends, family, neighbors. The funds raised will go toward repairing/maintenance of the building! **Please join in a fun day of FUN*draising for Hartford Street Zen Center!**

Looking forward to a great [Castro Street Fair 2014](#) with you!

Words From Our Abbot: Rev Myō Lahey

...This practice of the Buddha way is so vast that it doesn't want to be constrained. Periodically I will run across something in reading and it will have an echo of that. And then it's like recognizing an old friend. So I saw this poem in the latest New Yorker magazine and it was by the great WS. Merwin, one of my favorite poets who was a long, long time follower of the Buddha way and so his poetry has that quality. So I tried to memorize this on the train and it didn't go so well, my memory isn't so reliable any more so I thought 'oh heck just read it, no one will mind'. And it's a very timely poem because it's called "[Living with the News](#)".

*"Can I get used to it day after day
a little at a time while the tide keeps
coming in faster the waves get bigger
building on each other breaking records
this is not the world that I remember
then comes the day when I open the box
that I remember packing with such care
and there is the face that I had known well
in little pieces staring up at me
it is not mentioned on the front pages
but somewhere far back near the real estate
among the things that happen every day
to someone who now happens to be me
and what can I do and who can tell me
then there is what the doctor comes to say
endless patience will never be enough
the only hope is to be the daylight"*

So to me that is as good as a prescription with how to live with the news as I've ever heard... One of my favorite poets, and I think he's right. There is



weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!
Thursdays & Fridays

10:30 am zazen

11:00 am garden socializing



weekly meditation group for men & women in recovery from addiction

Fridays, 7:30 pm - 9 pm

nothing wrong with patience goodness knows, and I certainly could use some more. But the only hope would be the daylight. And being the daylight is the same thing as I mean by *arriving, arriving now*. **Your light is arriving now.** That may already be too much flavor thrown into the mix, but it's OK. And so you can, one can, we can be just be at rest with that. And sooner or later the waves are gonna' seem like they are getting higher and higher. Records are being broken right and left. And who will tell us what to do?

The great gift to sentient beings is that they are buddha, which is to say we are, they are, daylight. And to go out into the "world of news" with that treasured teaching in our heart is to enter once again upon the vow to save all beings. And by golly that vow doesn't have any taste either. So who will tell us how to do it?

What will we do when the Doctor comes and says "um...", or doesn't look at you, which is not a good sign, and you're like "Doc...?" And he is <looking away> "well hum... oh dear". Then we are reminded the tide that comes in always goes out and that's OK, that's how it works. So maybe this is very confusing to people and if so I hope you will say so. The real buddha-dharma is worked out amongst people not just tossed down from some peak somewhere.

[Valley Streams Zen Sangha Dharma Talk - July 28, 2014](#)



There will be some adjustments to our space for use by our hospice family, Maitri Hospice, for training in October. Please just be aware that we may host some events in alternative parts of HSZC's property as a result and are thrilled to have them use some of our space to carry on training for the work once part of Hartford Street Zen Center both in current property and housed at the property next door.

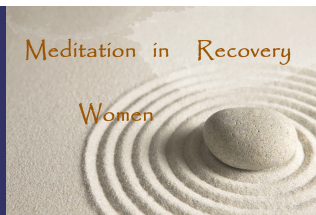
[HSZC History, Hartford Street ZC newsletter March 2007:](#)

Meditation in Recovery

Women

(Women only)
monthly meditation group for
women in recovery from addiction.

First Thurs, 7:15 pm -8:45 pm



Poems of Unsatisfactory Nature

submitted by Jivacandra (Larry Peiperl)

I.

The fish you sold my sister
Turned out to be water-soluble
And has disappeared, leaving the water orange
She is not very happy
About this

II.

My sixteen favorite flavors of ice cream
Are marble and gravel and Fourier transform
And lipstick and haystack and donner and blitzen
And pink starfish and white starfish and British
cucumber
And sleepy and dopey and
Tutti frutti
And when the ice cream man comes by
Ringing his bells, I'm licking my chops
But he never stops
I wonder why



WINTER STUDY PERIOD

This winter we will have a study period. This event is similar to a [practice period](#) and plans to kick off after Sejiki (End of October, start of November) and run through Rohatsu and the Winter Light 5 day retreat (start of December).



Because we are primarily a lay sangha (community) and organization, attendance to the full practice period schedule is not an option for most, we will take the practice period model and make some adjustments.

We ask individuals offer to commit to a routine they can uphold. We would like as we get closer to the start of this period, to know what you can join us for and encourage all to participate. Some of the study period require attendance planning. Please inform us as early as you can before the period begins. A deadline will be later communicated. We look forward to concentrated practice opportunity with you!

Other Holidays or LGBTQI Events:

[Grandparent's Day - September 7](#)

[International Literacy day - September 8](#)

[Moon Festival in Asia - September 8](#)

[Patriot Day - September 11](#)

[Constitution Day - September 17](#)

[International Day of Peace - September 21](#)

[Autumn Equinox - September 22](#)

[Mabon \(Wiccan/Pagan\) - September 22](#)

[Navratri \(Hindu\) - September 25](#)

[Rosh Hashanah \(Jewish new year\) - September 25](#)

[Additional LGBTQI Events](#) Or [found here](#)

Seeking a **LGBTQI, Buddhist** space for your **wedding**? HSZC & Abbot Rev. Myō Lahey can be a part of this amazing & love filled ceremony. HSZC can house your Zen Buddhist Wedding ceremony & Rev Myō can perform weddings! Please email hszc108@yahoo.com, call us, or a better way yet is to stop in & discuss



during our publicly open hours.



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